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Group Art Unit: 2655

**James A. Michener**

Examiner: Michael N. Opsasnick

Serial No.: 09/345,659

Filed: June 30, 1999

Docket No.: PD-990066

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Applicant petitions for an extension of time for ( ) month(s) to respond to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_

An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ month(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of \_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Extension fee due with this request \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required to respond to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

☒ The claims have been calculated and are shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED							
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TOTAL CLAIMS	16	minus	27*	=	0	x \$ 50.00	\$ -0-
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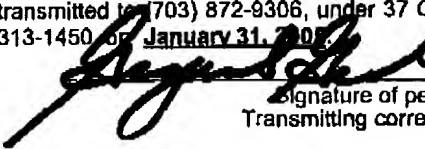
  
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